THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development has been identified as the nodal ministry for processing the recommendations of the Planning Commission Report on Development of Bio-fuel. For this purpose, TERI was commissioned to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR), which was submitted in January, 2005.

(d) and (e) The decision on the fiscal and financial incentives will be made at the time of sanction of the scheme by the competent authority.

Water Conservation Mission

3063. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a "Peoples Water Conservation Mission";

(b) if so, the objectives of the mission; and

(c) if not, the time-frame by when the mission would be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no proposal to launch a scheme in the name of "Peoples Water Conservation Mission".

Constitution of a committee to study the problem of rural population

†3064. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instead of increase in the employment opportunities in rural areas there has been decrease;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a major portion of rural population is forced to migrate to big cities due to the above reason;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to constitute a committee to study the above problems of the rural population; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. There is

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